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OPIOID RELATED DEATHS REPORTED IN GREENBELT

Two opioid-related deaths have been reported in Greenbelt in the past several days. Both victims were adult males.

Greenbelt is not immune to the national opioid crisis and tragic results of opioid abuse.

For those who are suffering from opioid addiction, or who have family members suffering from addiction problems, there is help. The State of Maryland offers free Naloxone (Narcan) training and Narcan kits. Call 301-583-5920 to register for free training and a free intranasal Naloxone kit, which reverses an opioid overdose and helps prevent death. Now anyone can get Naloxone at Maryland pharmacies without a prescription. This can be life-saving for you or your loved one.

The National Helpline for Substance Abuse is 1-800-662 HELP (4357). It is a confidential, free, 24-hour-a-day, 365-day-a-year, information service, in English and Spanish, for individuals and family members facing mental and/or substance use disorders. This service provides referrals to local treatment facilities, support groups, and community-based organizations.

For resources related to opioid addiction assistance and recovery please visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/opioidhelp.

Greenbelt CARES, at 301-345-6660, is currently in the process of planning an Opioid Awareness Forum for residents. More information on the forum will be released once the details are finalized.

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